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SUBJECT: U. S. CONTRIBUTION TO UNESCO FOR PHILAE

REFS: A) PARIS 13692, B) CAIRO 3223

1. UNITED STATES GRANT THROUGH SMITHSONIAN OF U. S. DOLLARS
1,000,000 EQUIVALENT IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS TO UNESCO FOR
PRESERVATION PHILAE MONUMENTS POUCHED PERMDEL JUNE 7.

2. PERMDEL REQUESTED OBTAIN ACCEPTANCE UNESCO ASAP BY
OBTAINING AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE ON GRANT LETTER ADDRESSED
TO DG MAHEU.

3. UPON ACCEPTANCE, PERMDEL REQUESTED NOTIFY CAIRO
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PRIORITY.

4. UPON RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF UNESCO ACCEPTANCE, CAIRO AUTHORIZED BY SMITHSONIAN TO DEPOSIT U. S. DOLLARS 1,000,000 EQUIVALENT IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS IN NATIONAL BANK OF EGYPT, CAIRO ACCOUNT NUMBER UNESCO/NUBIA/11/40/305. CHARGE 33X0102 (FR4-60113).

5. CAIRO AUTHORIZED, AT ITS DISCRETION AND AFTER RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF UNESCO ACCEPTANCE, TO RELEASE FOLLOWING TEXT: THE UNITED STATES' CONTRIBUTION OF U. S. DOLLARS 1,000,000 EQUIVALENT IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS TO UNESCO FOR THE

PRESERVATION OF THE MONUMENTS ON THE ISLAND OF PHILAE, ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, WAS ACCEPTED FROM THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION FORMALLY TODAY IN PARIS BY MR. RENE MAHEU, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF UNESCO. THE MONUMENTS ON THE ISLAND OF PHILAE IN THE NILE RIVER ARE OF ANCIENT EGYPTIAN, GREEK AND ROMAN ORIGIN. THEY WILL BE DISMANTLED AND REASSEMBLED ON AN ADJACENT ISLAND WELL ABOVE THE LEVEL OF THE NILE WHICH NOW ALMOST COMPLETELY COVERS THEM. THE LEVEL OF THE NILE RIVER AT THIS POINT IS CONTROLLED BY THE

ASWAN HIGH AND LOW DAMS SERVING HYDROELECTRIC AND IRRIGATION SYSTEMS. THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION INCORPORATES THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM. SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1846, THE SMITHSONIAN HAS FOSTERED THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC MONUMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD. THIS CONTRIBUTION IS THE THIRD MADE BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO UNESCO'S INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO PRESERVE THE MONUMENTS OF NUBIA. THESE UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNESCO'S NUBIAN CAMPAIGN HAVE ALL BEEN MADE IN EGYPTIAN CURRENCY DRAWN FROM ACCOUNTS GENERATED BY THE SALE BY THE UNITED STATES OF ITS SURPLUS AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES TO EGYPT."

6. CAIRO REQUESTED KEEP DEPT. AND PARIS INFORMED OF ACTION CONTEMPLATED CONCERNING RELEASE OF ABOVE TEXT SO THAT IF TEXT IS TO BE RELEASED IN CAIRO, IDENTICAL TEXT COULD BE RELEASED IN WASHINGTON AND PARIS AS NEARLY SIMULTANEOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER
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